

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

F A C T S H E E T

**APPROVAL TO AMEND THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH MASTER
AGREEMENTS FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT PROGRAMS
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2008-09, 2009-10, AND 2010-11
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

REQUEST

Approve and instruct the Director of Mental Health or his designee to prepare, sign, and execute Amendments to 197 Department of Mental Health (DMH) Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Master Agreements. The Amendments will extend the term of the existing MHSA Master Agreements through June 30, 2011.

Delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health or his designee to prepare, sign, and execute future MHSA Master Amendments with current DMH contractors and MHSA Master Agreements with new non-DMH contractors with additional contractors that meet minimum requirements and qualifications as outlined in the Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ) approved by your Board on November 15, 2005 and to update the DMH's MHSA Master Agreement List with additional pre-qualified contractors.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Board approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department to continue issuing Request for Services (RFS) for the RFSQ solicitation process for Board approved MHSA programs.

The purpose of the requested actions is to extend the term of the existing MHSA Master Agreements and Amendments comprised of 197 pre-qualified contractors, and to add additional contractors that meet the minimum qualifications in accordance with the RFSQ process approved by your Board on November 15, 2005. The MHSA Master Agreements are a key component in the RFSQ process, which provides a streamlined solicitation process that is a fair and equitable alternative to the Request for Proposals process and meets County policies. All contractors have met the minimum qualifications listed in the RFSQ and have demonstrated relevant experience and capacity to provide the various services detailed in DMH's Los Angeles County Mental Health System's Community Services and Supports (CSS) Plan approved by the SDMH on February 14, 2006. DMH will, on a continuous basis, accept and evaluate proposers' Statement of Qualifications (SOQs) and execute MHSA Master Agreements or Amendments with qualified contractors and agencies. The execution of an MHSA

Master Agreement or Amendment does not guarantee a contractor any amount of MHSA funding.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

The extension of the MHSA Agreement List and addition of new contractors will provide the Department a list of qualified contractors who will be solicited, through the RFS process, to provide Board approved MHSA new programs. Currently, DMH is in the process of developing a comprehensive local MHSA Workforce Education and Training (WET) Plan in collaboration with the MHSA Stakeholders as approved by your Board on January 15, 2008. Furthermore, DMH will be coming to the Board shortly for acceptance of funding and development of the Prevention, and Early Intervention (PEI) Plan. Once fully developed and implemented, the WET and PEI Plans will facilitate significant transformation of services delivery consistent with the MHSA.

The Department has issued 15 RFS in FYs 2006-07 and 2007-08. Currently DMH has awarded and contracted for MHSA services under 14 different RFS, and will go to your Board to award services for one (1) other RFS issued under the CSS Plan.

There is no impact on net County cost.

Approval of the MHSA Master Agreements and Amendments does not guarantee any contract amount or allocation of resources. Approval of the proposed actions provides DMH a list of qualified contractors who will be solicited, through the RFS process, to provide MHSA services.

Upon Board approval, the Department will extend the term of the existing MHSA Master Agreement List and add additional contractors for FYs 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 that meet the minimum qualifications in accordance with the RFSQ process.

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